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Home Circle Department

A column dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

Crude thoughts as they fall from the Editorial Pen—Pleasant Evening Reveries.

The trouble is that people do not tell enough truth before they are married and too much after.

TABLE MANNERS.

American men are good workers. They see their wives and children but little except at table. That seems to be about the only family gathering. What a spectacle is the common management of these family meetings!

The father sits in glum silence, and shovels in as fast as he can swallow. The children follow the parental example. The food is passed only when asked for, and is then passed in silence.

There is nothing human about it. We cannot see in what essential particular it differs from a group of pigs gathered about a trough.

If these gatherings were rightly managed, if the experiences of the children in their schools were lovingly called out by parental interest, if such news as the parents had picked up since the last meeting were told—if this were the scene at the table three times a day, it would grow by what it feeds on. The table meeting would be more attractive to the small people. The parents would grow into a loving oneness with their children. It would in truth prove the greatest blessing to every member of the group, and in the long run would contribute more to the physical, intellectual, social and moral development of the young people than any other agency can name.

UPWARD AND ONWARD.

Keep the heart pure and the brain active. Study for the best, and when you have found it, work and study for something still better. Never be satisfied with one good act—nor a hundred—nor a thousand. But add, then, together one after the other, till at last you will have a string of pearls to lift you higher, instead of pebbles to sink you lower. Hearts, like houses, can be built out. Minds, like homes, can be beautified. It is as easy to plant a noble ambition as to plant a weed. Sow seeds of truth, and only bitter fruit. Remember that it is little by little, inch by inch, but steadily upward. This is the way the work of the man becomes a mansion. This is the way the poor boy becomes the great man. This is the way the apprentice becomes the master, and the intelligence of mortals the power and unknown greatness of those who are immortal. Build your walls of good material and they will last. Be kind to the poor, for every good act is a plant that will bear blossoms to our credit in the beautiful beyond.

CHRIST LOVED HOME.

Though too poor to have a home of his own, He went out to spend the night at Bethany, two or three miles walk from Jerusalem, and over a rough, and hilly road that made it equal to six or seven ordinary miles, every morning and night going to and fro. He loved the quietude of home life, and He was lovely in His domesticity.

How He enjoyed handing over the resurrected boy to his mother and the resurrected girl to her father, and reconstructing households, which disease of death was breaking up! As the song "Home, Sweet Home" was written by a man who at that time had no home, so we think the homelessness of Christ added to his appreciation of domesticity.

Furthermore, He was lovely in His sympathies. Now dropsy is a most distressful complaint. It inflames and swells and tortures any limb or physical organ it touches. As soon as a case of that kind is submitted to Christ, He, without any use of diaphoretics, commands its cure. And what an eye doctor. He was for opening the long closed gates of sight to the blue of the sky, and the yellow of the flower and the emerald of the grass. What a Christ! He was for cooling fevers without so much as a spoonful of febrifuge, and straightening crooked back without any pangs of surgery, and standing whole choirs of music along the silent galleries of a deaf ear, and giving healthful nervous system to cataleptical Sympathy. He did not give them stolen advice or philosophize about the science of grief. He sat down and cried with them.

A Mother's Care.

A woman gifted at running "grab bag" socials called on a mother saying "We have many useless articles that must be disposed of somehow. We've concluded to place them all on our table under the charge of our most fascinating young ladies. Gentlemen will chat with them, then can-

not go away without buying something and the ladies can put their own prices on the articles. We really want your daughter who has such winning ways." Seeing indignation gathering in the noble mother's face and knowing how careful she had guarded her children from social contamination she added, "Of course she will have to play the agreeable to a good many you might not approve; still she need not recognize them afterward." "What!" exclaimed the mother, "allow my daughter to become a decoy to lure money out of men's pockets in return for shame and false smiles? Never! I hold my child's moral nature too sacred for that."

We would say to all: Use your gentlest voice at home. Watch it day by day as a pearl of great price, for it will be worth more to you in days to come than the best pearl hid in the sea. A kind voice is joy like a lark's song, to the heart at home. It is a light that sings as well as shines. Train it to sweet tones now, and it will keep in tune through life.

Saved From Awful Death.

How an appalling calamity in his family was prevented is told by A. D. McDonald of Bay City, Mich. "My sister had consumption," he writes, "she was very thin and pale, had no appetite and seemed to grow weaker every day, as all remedies failed, till Dr. King's New Discovery was tried, and so completely cured her, that she has not been troubled with a cough since. Its best medicine I ever saw or heard of." For coughs, colds, lagrippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhages, whooping cough, all bronchial troubles, it has no equal. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by A. M. Lewis & Co. drug store.

Hair Health

If You Have Scalp or Hair Trouble, Take Advantage of This Offer.

We could not afford to so strongly endorse Rexall "93" Hair Tonic and continue to sell it as we do, if it did not do all we claim it will. Should our enthusiasm carry us away, and Rexall "93" Hair Tonic not give entire satisfaction to the users, they would lose faith in us and our arguments, and in consequence our business prestige would suffer.

We assure you that if your hair is beginning to unnaturally fall out or if you have any scalp trouble, Rexall "93" Hair Tonic will promptly eradicate dandruff, stimulate hair growth and prevent premature baldness.

Our faith in Rexall "93" Hair Tonic is so strong that we ask you to try it, on our positive guarantee that your money will be cheerfully refunded if it does not do as we claim. Two sizes, 50c, and \$1.00. Sold only at our store—The Rexall Store, A. M. Lewis & Co.

Wants To Help Some One.

For thirty years J. P. Boyer, of Fertile, Mo., needed help and couldn't find it. That's why he wants to help some one. "I'm suffering so long because I feel for all distress from Backache, Nervousness, Loss of Appetite, Lassitude and Kidney Disorders. He shows that Electric Bitters works wonders for such troubles. 'Five bottles,' he writes, 'wholly cured me and now I am well and hearty.' It's also positively guaranteed for Liver Trouble, Dyspepsia, Blood Disorders, Female Complaints and Malaria. Try them. 50c at A. M. Lewis & Co. drug store."

An Impressive Church Service.

Sunday evening, December 4, was the occasion of a memorable evening service at the Presbyterian Church.

As previously announced Mr. F. G. Walton, attorney who has made our village his home during the past season and recently elected Prosecuting Attorney of Crawford County gave an address on "The Trial of Christ from a Lawyer's View Point."

The auditorium was well filled before the hour for service and crowded when the Village Orchestra under charge of Prof. Clark began to render their part of the program.

A somewhat elaborate musical program beside the devotional service preceded the address.

Mr. Walton spoke about half an hour on the topic as announced, holding the audience in wrapt attention as he reviewed the various stages of that historic trial, from the appearance of the Divine Galilee before Annas, the venerable high priest, on that awful night, until his surrender by Pilate on the morning of Friday to the Jewish mob. It was a carefully prepared address and given without notes in a most eloquent and impressive manner. The familiar old and solemn tragedy seemed brought down to the present day.

Beside the excellent music furnished by the orchestra, the choir rendered two selections, worthy of special mention. One was an anthem and the other a solo by Fred Alexander, which was given with unusual effect and artistic power. Com.

Next Saturday evening will be the time for election of officers of Marvin Post, G. A. R. for the ensuing year. Turn out. W. Havens, Com. A. L. Pond, Adj.

Banks On Sure Thing Now.

"I'll never be without Dr. King's New Life Pills again," writes A. Schlegel, 647 Elm St., Buffalo, N. Y. "I suffered me of chronic constipation when all other failed." It is equal for Biliousness, Jaundice, Indigestion, Headache, Chills, Malaria and Debility. 25c at A. M. Lewis drug store.

MERRY XMAS



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

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PRESENT
FOR A
FRIEND.

So, if it's a Gentleman or Lady, we can supply you with your needs.

For the Men we have

CIGARS, per box from 25c to \$5.00
CIGAR HOLDERS, from 25c to \$4.00
CIGAR CASES, from 25c to \$2.00
PIPES, (in case) from \$1.50 to \$9.00

For the Ladies we have

BOX-WRITING PAPER, from 25c to .75c
CANDIES, per box, from 25c to \$3.00

Come in and look over our line.

Olaf Sorenson & Sons.

Sad Death of a Little Child.

A sad and fatal accident occurred on Monday afternoon in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hart of this village when their five year old child playing about the stove was burned so seriously that death very quickly ensued. Dr. Merriman was immediately summoned to the relief of the child, but it became apparent at once that the child was beyond medical aid. The heart broken parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

Maudie Louise was born in Lewiston in 1905. She was the eldest child of Charles and Jennie Hart, who, beside being the pet of her home, was beloved by all who knew her.

She seemed a precocious child in many ways, and on the evening before her death, she talked about being an Angel. How little the friends realized that her words were so soon to be fulfilled.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Wright left for Albion yesterday, where they will visit a few days before deciding finally where they will be located. Mr. Wright came here in 1888 with his brother, Jas. K., who was appointed Register of the Land Office by President Cleveland. Mr. Wright attended to the clerical work in the office, his brother devoting himself largely to the practice of law. Since the change in the administration he has been employed by Salling, Hanson & Co., until 1909 he was elected Justice of the Peace, to which, with general law practice he has since given his attention. He has several positions offered him, from which to select, but is not yet decided. They will both be missed from our village and will bear with them the best wishes of their hosts of friends.

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, Dec. 11, 1910.
Mid week prayer meeting Thursday 7:00 p. m.

Preaching at 10:30 a. m. Subject—"Concerning the Unseen: What We May Know About It, and What We May Not."
Sabbath School at 11:45 a. m. A. B. Failing, Sup.
Christian Endeavor at 6:00 p. m. Subject—"The Christian Soldier."
How Must a Christian Be Different from Others? Leader—Miss Edna McCullough.

Preaching at 7:00 p. m. Subject—"Growing Conceptions of Christ." All are cordially invited to attend these services.
J. HUMPHREY FLEMING, Pastor.

School Notes.

Professor C. A. Whitney returned from his trip Saturday, bringing with him Mrs. Whitney. They intend making their home in Grayling for some time. The good wishes of their many friends are extended to them.

The Physics class began mechanics of heat this week, having just completed the mechanics of fluids and solids.

A number of pupils who have been absent from school because of illness are again with us.

We were entertained last Tuesday by the School Orchestra. The music was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were present.

M. E. Church.

Sunday, Dec. 11, 1910.

The services at the M. E. church for next Sunday are as follows:
10:30 a. m. Public Service, Subject—"A Command with a Reason."

11:45 a. m. Sunday School.
3:00 p. m. Junior League.
6:00 p. m. Epworth League. Subject—"The Messenger and the Savior."

7:00 p. m. Public Service, Subject—"For and Against Christ."
7:00 p. m. Thursday general prayer meeting.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.
Non-Church goers are especially invited.

JAMES GREY, Pastor.

Youthful Teacher's Bravery.

The brave action of a girl teacher was publicly noticed at a recent meeting of Scarborough (Eng.) town council. Miss Smith was in a room with a class of 40 children, none over five years of age. One boy had in his pocket some Bengal lights. Suddenly his clothes burst into flames. Miss Smith at once called the children to order to prevent panic and then seizing hold of the screaming child wrapped him in her dress and put out the flames with her hands. But for her presence of mind the child would undoubtedly have lost his life. Then she ran with the child to his mother and collapsed. Her hands and arms were badly blistered and her dress burnt, but the child was saved.

\$1.075 for a Fox Skin.

A fine silver fox skin, nearly black, was brought to Edmonton, Alberta, February 8, ranking as the finest skin shown there in some years. It was purchased by a dealer for \$1,075—Fair News.

December 14, and 15, the ladies of the M. E. Church will hold their annual sale of useful and fancy articles, many of them suitable for the holiday season. On Wednesday evening a chicken pie supper will be served from 5 to 8 o'clock. Price 25 cents. Everybody come to the G. A. R. Hall.

News was received here the last of the week of the sudden death by apoplexy, of a former citizen, of our village, W. Braden; at his home in Detroit. The funeral on Monday was conducted by the Masonic fraternity of that city. Wm. Woodfield of our village being present as a representative of the Grayling Lodge, F. & A. M. of which the deceased was a member. For several years Mr. Braden conducted a furniture and undertakers store here and served as Postmaster during the administration of President Cleveland. He was well known and highly respected in this community, whose sympathy will be freely extended to the stricken wife and daughters.

The Doctor's Question

Much Sickness Due to Bowel Disorders.

A doctor's first question when consulted by a patient is, "Are your bowels regular?" He knows that 98% of illness is attended with inactive bowels and torpid liver, and that this condition must be removed gently and thoroughly before health can be restored.

Rexall Orderlies are a positive, pleasant and safe remedy for constipation and bowel disorders in general. We are so certain of their great curative value that we promise to return the purchaser's money in every case when they fail to produce entire satisfaction.

NOTICE.

Crawford Co. Grange No. 934 will hold election of officers on their next regular meeting. All members are requested to be present.
MAUDE BELMORE Secretary.

Washburns-Crosby's GOLD MEDAL FLOUR

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Greatest Suit and Overcoat SALE OF THE SEASON

New Suits and Overcoats that should sell at \$20, \$22.50 and \$25.

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300 of the Smartest, Handsomest New Winter Suits and Overcoats for men of taste, Priced Below Precedents.

We have 300 of the most stunning Winter Suits and Overcoats, that we have always sold for \$20.00 to \$25.00 each, and we are going to sell them for..... **\$12.95**

Every suit is brand new and represents fashions latest word in Style, Fabric and Coloring, there are but one or two of a kind, but there are so many kinds and each is so attractive that it will be easy for any one to select a good looking, thoroughly up-to-date, serviceable suit or overcoat at a saving of from \$10.50 to \$13.00.

A. KRAUS & SON.

LEADING DRY GOODS STORE.

Manistee & N. E. R. R.

Time Card
In effect Oct. 2, 1910.

Read Down.	Read Up.
A. M. P. M.	P. M. P. M.
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11:00 3:32	" Rowley "ar
12:15 4:35	" Walton "ar
12:55 4:28	" Buckley "ar
1:15 4:44	" Glengarry "ar
2:05 5:35	" Kaleva "ar
2:15 5:54	" Chief Lake "ar
2:21 5:50	" Norwalk "ar
2:45 6:17	" ar Manistee
P. M.	A. M.
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8:46 5:10	" Kaleva "lv
9:07 5:28	" Copemish "ar
9:14 5:33	" Nessen Cy "ar
9:37 5:52	" Platte Ryr "ar
9:56 6:05	" Lake Ann "ar
10:11 6:23	" Solon "ar
10:17 6:50	" Fouch "ar
10:30 6:45	ar Travere Co
A. M.	P. M.

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At Kaleva for points on P. M. R. R.
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The Married Voice.

A dramatic critic has been saying that our most accomplished players cannot reproduce on the stage the "married voice." Even when they are married. There is a peculiar domestic note—used at home—which cannot get over the footlights and was never meant for publicity.

Peoples Market

F. H. MILLS Prop'r.

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 8

Local and Neighborhood News.

Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are \$1.50 per year in advance. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondence, etc., must reach us by Tuesday forenoon, and can not be considered later.

Christmas letters, something new at Sorenson's Furniture Store.

Order your coal of Salling, Hanson Co. Prices low, and prompt delivery.

Xmas Post Cards now on sale at Sorenson's Furniture Store.

For just a suggestion look up Sorenson's advertisement.

Hot and Cold Drinks at the Central Drug Store.

Geo. Langevin delivers St. Charles coal at your house. Phone 591.

Bates sells the best Coal.

Order your coal of Salling, Hanson Co. Prices low, and prompt delivery.

Wonderful Holiday Bargains after December 10th, at Sorenson's Furniture Store.

Let me quote you a price on Royal or Asbestos Roofing, put on. F. R. Deckrow.

Beech and Maple Block Wood for furnaces. Leave orders with SALLING-HANSON COMPANY.

A few pure strain, White Leghorn Cookers left for sale. Enquire at this office.

FOR SALE—Cheap, 1 mitch cow, 1 pair calves at South side of river, at Biddy's store. P. S. Hennessy.

Fine Bathroom outfit in display window No. 400 Cedar street. F. R. Deckrow.

Archie Charron and Miss Julia Volkoskie were united in marriage yesterday morning.

Leave your order for Ice Cream, for your Xmas Dinner at the Central Drug Store.

St. Charles Coal is the best ever brought to this market. For sale by Geo. Langevin, Phone No. 591.

Mrs. A. B. Failing returned from a pleasant two months visit with her sister in Ohio, last Friday.

COAL—I have a large supply of the best St. Charles coal on the road and will deliver at right price. Phone 591. Geo. Langevin.

Mr. Frank Ahman has bought the residence of L. T. Wright, on Peninsular Avenue and is already in possession.

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by all dealers.

Gentlemen when you get ready for a new suit, call in and see. Satisfaction guaranteed. Shop over Colleen's Restaurant. A. E. Hendrickson.

"I have been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Penn., and they could do nothing for me," writes Thos. E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For sale by all dealers.

LOST—A charm made from a Columbian half-dollar, gold banded, and engraved on one side with the combined emblems of the I. O. O. F. and encampment. The finder will please leave it at this office and receive reward.

When your feet are wet and cold, and your body chilled through and through from exposure, take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot water before going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For sale by all dealers.

Hunters killed his best winter cow, for Wm. Foley, near Luzerne, last week. The woods were full of hunters, and one camp moved out before the cow was found, who are under suspicion.

Read the full page advertisement of the Grayling Mercantile Co. on page 8. There is a list of wonderful bargains.

The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger from pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. J. Hall, of Waverly, Va., says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds, and they all agree with me." For sale by all dealers.

The Title Guarantee and Surety Co. of Saratoga, Pa., is among the strongest in the world. Bonds for School, Township, County or state officials, written by them are accepted everywhere, and at so small a cost that no one need be dependent on the kindness of personal friends.

O. PALMER, Agent.

Dr. B. N. Linsley of Grayling was in town Tuesday, having been sent here by the State Board of Health to look into reported small pox cases here.

He thoroughly examined the cases and found them to be genuine small pox cases but of mild form. The cases, four in all, are getting along nicely and are under strict quarantine. Every precaution is being taken by the local board of health to prevent the further spread of the dread disease. —Roscommon Herald.

The mercury reached 0 for the first time this winter, Tuesday morning.

Sealskin and Alligator Hand Bags at Central Drug Store.

Christmas cards, the latest and best assortment. Sorenson's Furniture Store.

Up-to-date dressmaking can be done at your home by calling on Mrs. Anna A. Friberg. Phone 801.

Watch for the fine line of cigars for Xmas Gifts for the men, at Sorenson's Cigar Store.

Christmas goods, the line that satisfies, will be on display, December 10. Sorenson's Furniture Store.

A Christmas gift that will be appreciated, be it big or small, can without difficulty be selected from our large stock displayed after December 10th. Sorenson's Furniture Store.

Attention, Trappers—Come on with your furs etc. I pay cash at F. C. Jennings, Grayling. O. Derry.

Xmas and New Year Cards at Central Drug Store.

S. S. Phelps Jr. has resumed work for the M. C. R. R. Co., being at present on the Johannesburg run, from this place.

Read the full page advertisement of the Grayling Mercantile Co. on page 8. There is a list of wonderful bargains.

Mrs. Frank Whipple of Kalkaska, was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Osterlander, last week, returning Monday.

A fine Spalding Jersey Sweater would be a nice Xmas gift. Sorenson's Cigar Store.

Chas. E. Stanard and wife took the early train, last Friday morning for Burt in Saginaw Co., being called there on account of the serious illness of her brother.

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Special price on yearly subscriptions of magazine at Sorenson's Cigar Store.

Highway Commissioner Peck began rolling the snow roads last week, and will continue to get them ready for the next storm.

C. Linberg of Maple Forest was in town yesterday. He reports more snow than we have, but roads in fine condition.

Go to O. Sorenson's & Son's Headquarters for fine candies and cigars.

The "Cannon Ball Train" which has been arriving from the north at 11:30 a. m., changed to their winter schedule last week, and now arrive at 10 p. m.

E. Alger came up from Bay City Saturday, where he with his wife have gone to spend the winter, to shake with old friends here, and visit his brother at Lewiston.

Did you read O. Sorenson & Son's ad in this issue? If not, why not read it? It will do you good.

Last Monday was a glad day for over half a hundred veterans of the Civil War, many of whom in their old age are in need of the quarterly stipend of Pension.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up all right and will ward any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

Our readers will find the message of President Taft in this issue, and it will pay any one to give it careful attention, to learn the present political position, and the proposed legislation for this session. It is considered one of the most able documents presented to Congress for many years.

The N. E. Michigan Development Association made such a showing of the resources of this section of the state at the great Land Show in Chicago last month, that the papers of that city are giving us a large amount of advertising, which will prove of great value next year.

County Treasurer A. B. Failing took in the Land Congress and Stock Show at Chicago last week, and reports an immense interest shown for Northern Michigan land, after viewing the products displayed there. He only regrets that Grayling had so few boomers there to distribute literature and answer questions.

J. K. Bates of Maple Forest, one of the Superintendents of the Poor for this county, is in attendance at a State Convention for Superintendents at Lansing, this week.

The annual election of officers of the W. R. C. will be held at their hall next Saturday, it being the time of their regular meeting. A full attendance of their members is requested.

Our friend and "Ex-Devil" in the AVALANCHE office, "Burt Thayer" where he began his work in the "Avalanche," has made good in the three years he has had the "Wolverine Courier." He has just installed a power press, and the paper has steadily improved on his hands. The people of our neighbor village are to be congratulated with him, for their advertising patronage, which with his ability has made his success possible.

Wednesday and Thursday, December 14, and 15 the Epworth League will have a booth at the Ladies' Aid bazaar. All persons donating articles to the League please leave the same at the M. E. Parsonage Tuesday, December 13. And all who donate candy please bring it to the hall Wednesday morning Dec. 14.

There is nothing in the world that makes a better

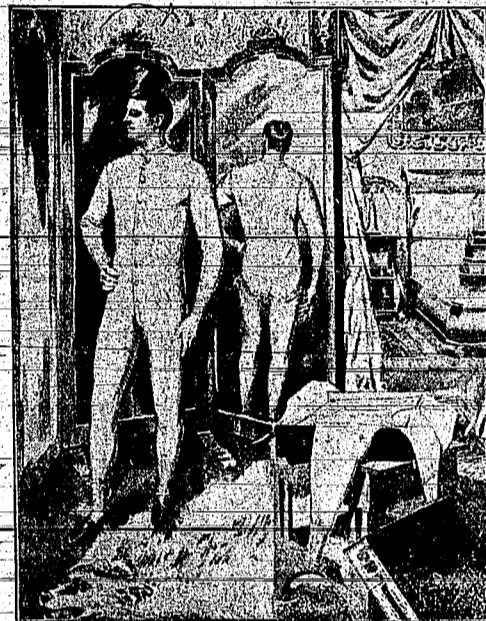
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A piece of Furniture	Imported Dolls
Couch Covers	Imported Chinaware
Table Covers	Toys, Domestic and Imported
Brush and Comb Sets	Post Card Albums
Celluloid Case Goods	Picture Books
Shaving Sets	Games
Work Boxes	Sleds
Glove and Handkerchief Boxes	Doll Carriages
Photo Albums	Childrens Furniture, etc.

Don't buy until you see our display of choice new goods, out for your inspection after December 10.

Sorenson's Furniture Store

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Outwear All Others

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Is the best place to buy your groceries.

WHY?

Because the stock is fresh and the prices are right

Come and See for Yourself.

Central Drug Store

"The Best Drugs."

While Doing Your

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Call in and look over our line, suitable for Christmas Presents such as

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Toilet Sets	Hat Water Bags
Thermos Bottles	Work Baskets
Hand Mirrors	Candies
Perfumes	Toilet Articles
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Hot Drinks and Ice Cream Soda

Bring us your Family Receipts. Prescription Work a Specialty.

O. W. ROESER, Manager.

PATENT MEDICINES DRUGS

Christmas is almost here!

And as usual you are puzzled to know what to select as suitable presents for your friends.

There is nothing equal to

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Our stock is larger and more complete than ever before. You can surely find something that will give pleasure both to the giver and the one who receives. You are not confined to jewelry alone, for we have many other beautiful things that please you.

Do not forget to ask for a Suit Case Tag.

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JEWELER & OPTOMETRIST
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Save Your ASHES!

Put them in a barrel or box and we will call for them and pay you one bar of soap for each bushel. Do not put coal ashes with the hardwood, as they are not usable.

Start at once as the factory will soon be completed.

Yours for good treatment
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Treasurer's Notice.

I will be at "Will Kile's" Home every Friday in December to collect taxes in Beaver Creek Township.

ARTHUR KILE,
Township Treasurer of Beaver Creek.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold noses, red and rough skin, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of Burns, Boils, Piles, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Sprains. Only 25c. at A. M. Lewis & Co. drug store.

Notice To Tax Payers.

I will be at home in Maple Forest on Monday of each week for the collection of taxes.

JAMES K. BATES,
Township Treasurer.

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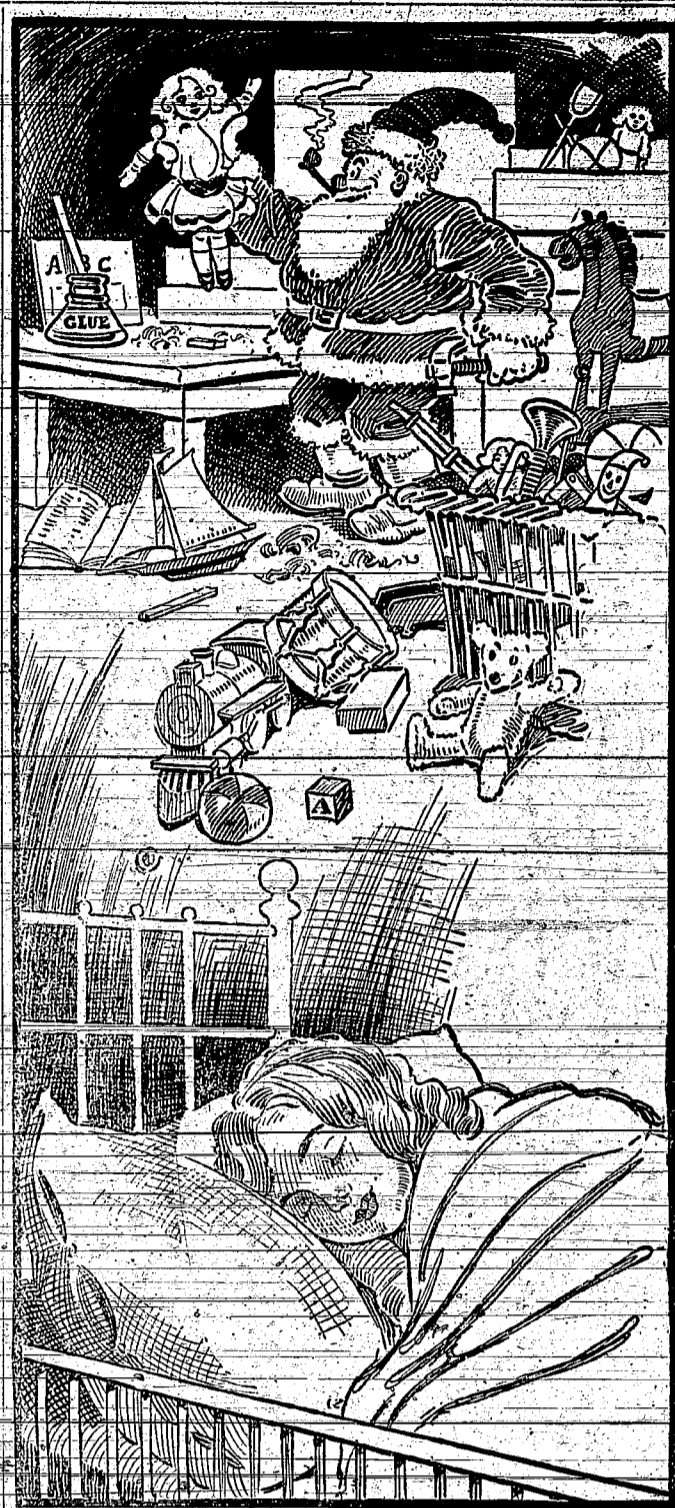
Clarence "Stillwagon's" youngest child is quite sick. Dr. Knapp was called. The Dr. got here although the later part of the way he was riding on a trolley and leading his horse.

Mr. Lee, of the Bontell Resort returned to Saginaw, Saturday where he expects to remain until after the holidays.

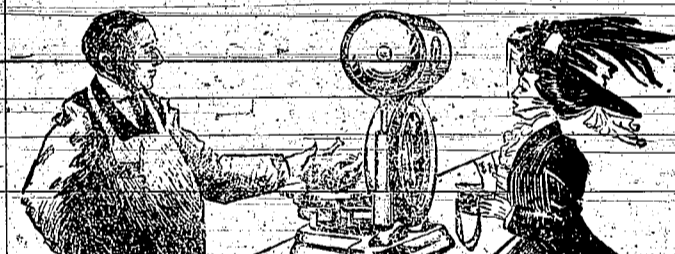
Joe Simms has retired from labor for a few days, while he doctors his cold.

Our school is progressing nicely under the able management of Miss Bertha Haggitt.

The snow is fully 15 inches deep where it is not drifted. The roads are almost impassable. Many places the snow is three feet deep. Where is the now snow roller? Would not this be a good time to try the roller?



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GRATINGS . . . MICHIGAN

Jack Frost found the corn in the bin.

The more we read of ballooning the better we like walking.

A few shivery shakes are quite excusable these mornings.

Sleeping between blankets has been popular in this winter resort climate.

The airship hanger is trying to drive the auto garage out of business.

The Dominion wilderness is very roomy and balloonists will hereafter avoid it.

The hobble skirt is making it necessary for a good many women to Fletcherize when they walk.

Uncle Sam is getting out 75,000,000 new dollar bills, but you'll have to earn 'em if you want 'em.

The hobbles that women wear are merely an exaggeration of the petgops that men wore a few years ago.

It is pretty difficult to get people who have no boys of their own to take a very decided stand against football.

It seems appropriate that the high flyers should demand high prices for engaging in their special line of activity.

The woman who shot a burglar with her eyes closed is inclined to believe that her closed eyes saved her life.

Save your bacon, exclaims the Chicago Tribune. That's up to the other fellow; most of us haven't any bacon to save.

Men's thoughts run to flying in this particular period of time, and yet the manbirds have almost a whole century to work in.

Another lesson learned from the aviation field. If you start out after a high-flying record don't leave your barograph at home.

The Treasury Department has decided to print more dollar bills. It appears to be the unanimous opinion that they are needed.

The number of deer killed this year is said to be smaller than usual. The number of hunters shot by mistake comes nearer the average.

A Chicago woman is suing her husband for desertion. Some people are always trying to make it unpleasant for families.

Bandits who held up a train in which a number of millionaires were traveling in New Mexico got \$11.20. The porter had probably beaten them to it.

The name of the new King of Siam is Chulalongkornrajavidyalaya. Carrying that name around should have given him the practice he needs to be a strong king.

One of the physicians claims that drunkenness can be cured by a surgical operation. Perhaps it is one of those operations which make work for the undertaker.

It is not absolutely necessary to go to Europe to have one's mind broadened by travel. On Chicago's streets many vagaries of fashion can be seen walking up and down.

A Des Moines man who tried to commit suicide with a razor was saved by his double chin. This, however, won't make the double chin popular with those who have one.

The woman who keeps a pet bon constrictor 11 feet long cannot justly blame her husband if he puts himself in a condition for seeing a large number of other varieties of snakes.

Chicago is to have a theater which will make a special appeal to the women. The management will doubtless devise some means of keeping people from going out between the acts.

The people of Portugal are inclined to think they would like a government modeled after that of the United States. Evidently they don't believe all that has recently been said about this government.

A statesman of Indiana proposes to discipline young girls for giggling. Why not abolish the tribe of young girls altogether? That would be the effective method of accomplishing the first purpose.

No aviator has as yet been fined for exceeding the altitude limit.

Some inventor would do the world a great service and he might at the same time become very rich by inventing some way to conserve the energy of those tropical storms.

The River Jordan is to be utilized for irrigation and the development of electric power. It is hoped, however, that there will be enough water left in it to keep the Dead Sea from becoming a mere hole in the ground.

The young woman who is alleged to have caused the downfall of King Manuel wants \$500 a night for appearing in vaudeville over here. Really she seems to overestimate her importance as an artiste.

That young man who took his prospective Chicago mother-in-law with him when he eloped with her daughter and let her remain outside the church while they were married showed positive genius. Still, on second thought, perhaps she was a foxy mother-in-law.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S MESSAGE

Resume of the Work of the Various Departments of the Government Is Presented to Congress.

NEED OF ECONOMY POINTED OUT

Has Little to Say About the Tariff---Work on Panama Canal Is Reviewed---No Change in Anti-Trust Laws---Interstate Commerce Laws Are Discussed.

Washington, Dec. 6.—In the longest document of its kind ever sent to Congress, President Taft reviews at length the business of the year in the various departments of the national government. The settlement of the fisheries dispute with England through the Hague tribunal comes in for a considerable share of the president's attention. The history of the fisheries dispute and the establishment of the tribunal are comprehensively reviewed.

Tariff Negotiations.

Referring to the negotiation of new tariff agreements, President Taft says:

"The new tariff law, in Section 2, respecting the maximum and minimum tariffs of the United States, which provisions came into effect on April 1, 1910, imposed upon us responsibility of determining prior to that date whether any undue discrimination existed against the United States and its products in any country of the world with which we sustained commercial relations."

"In the case of several countries instances of apparent undue discrimination against American commerce were found to exist. These discriminations were removed by negotiation. Prior to April 1, 1910, when the maximum tariff was to come into operation with respect to imports from all those countries in whose favor no provision should be issued by the president, one hundred and thirty-four such proclamations were issued."

"This series of proclamations embraced the entire commercial world and hence the minimum tariff of the United States has been given universal application, thus testifying to the satisfactory character of our trade relations with foreign countries."

"Marked advantages to the commerce of the United States were obtained through these tariff settlements."

"The policy of broader and closer trade relations with the Dominion of Canada which was initiated in the adjustment of the maximum and minimum provisions of the tariff act of August, 1909, has proved mutually beneficial. It justifies further efforts for the readjustment of the commercial relations of the two countries so that their commerce may follow the channels natural to contiguous countries and be commensurate with the steady expansion of trade and industry on both sides of the boundary line."

Ship Subsidy.

The president urges such action as he believes will increase American trade abroad, and says:

"Another instrumentality indispensable to the unhampered and natural development of American commerce is merchant marine. All maritime and commercial nations recognize the importance of this factor. The greatest commercial nations, our competitors, jealously foster their merchant marine. Perhaps nowhere is the need for rapid and direct mail, passenger and freight communication quite so urgent as between the United States and Latin America. We can secure in no other quarter of the world such immediate benefits in friendship and commerce as would flow from the establishment of direct lines of communication with the countries of Latin America adequate to meet the requirements of a rapidly increasing appreciation of the reciprocal dependence of the countries of the western hemisphere upon each other's products, sympathies and assistance."

"I alluded to this most important subject in my last annual message; it has often been before you and I need not recapitulate the reasons for its recommendation. Unless prompt action be taken the completion of the Panama canal will find this the only great commercial nation unable to avail in international maritime business of this great contribution to the means of the world's commercial intercourse."

Governmental Expenses.

To no one subject does he devote more space than to the expense of conducting the various government departments and the urgent need for economy, and in this connection he says:

"Every effort has been made by each department chief to reduce the estimated cost of his department for the ensuing fiscal year ending June 30, 1912. I say this in order that congress may understand that these estimates thus made present the smallest sum which will maintain the departments, bureaus and offices of the government and meet its other obligations under existing law, and that a cut of these estimates would result in embarrassing the executive branch of its duties. This remark does not apply to the river and harbor estimates, except to those for expenses of maintenance and the meeting of obligations under authorized contracts, nor does it apply to the public building bill nor to the navy building program. Of course, as to these congress could withhold any part or all of the estimates for them without interfering with the discharge of the ordinary obligations of these functions of its departments, bureaus and offices."

"The final estimates for the year ending June 30, 1912, as they have been sent to the treasury on November 29 of this year, for the ordinary expenses of the government, including harbors, public buildings, rivers and harbors, amount to \$630,494,013.12. This is \$52,964,687.36 less than the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, it is \$10,888,133.41 less than the total estimates, including supplemental estimates submitted to congress by the treasury for the year 1911, and is \$5,571,659.39 less than the original estimates submitted by the treasury for 1911."

"These figures do not include the appropriations for the Panama canal, the policy in respect to which ought to be, and is, to spend as much each year as can be economically and effectively expended in order to complete the canal as promptly as possible, and therefore, the ordinary motive for cutting down the expense of the government does not apply to appropriations for this purpose."

"Against the estimates of expenditures, \$630,494,013.12, we have estimated receipts for next year \$630,000,000, making a probable surplus of ordinary receipts over ordinary expenditures of about \$500,000,000."

"The United States, in the Panama canal, which are \$56,920,817.69, which will ultimately be paid in bonds, it will leave a deficit for the next year of about \$7,000,000, if congress shall conclude to fortify the canal."

The Tariff.

The president devotes but little space to the subject of the tariff law, and of it he says:

"The schedules of the rates of duty in the Payne tariff act have been subjected to a great deal of criticism, some of it just, more of it unfounded, and to much misrepresentation. The act was adopted in pursuance of a declaration by the party which is responsible for it that customs bills should be a tariff for the protection of home industries, the measure of the protection to be the difference between the cost of producing the imported article abroad and the cost of producing it at home, together with such addition to that difference as might give a reasonable profit to the home producer. The basis for the criticism of this tariff is that in respect to a number of the schedules the declared measure was not followed, but a higher difference retained or inserted by way of undue discrimination in favor of certain industries and manufactures. Little, if any, of the criticism of the tariff has been directed against the protective principle above stated, but the main body of the criticism has been based on the attempt to conform to the measure of protection was not honestly and sincerely adhered to."

The Tariff Board.

The president refers to the appointment of a board of experts to investigate the cost of production of various articles included in the schedules of the tariff, and says:

"The tariff board thus appointed and authorized has been diligent in preparing itself for the necessary investigations. The hope of those who have advocated the use of this board for tariff purposes is that the question of the rate of a duty imposed shall become more of a business question and less of a political question, to be ascertained by experts of long training and accurate knowledge. The half in business and the shock to business, due to the announcement that a new tariff bill is to be prepared and put in operation will be avoided by treating the schedules one by one, on an occasion shall arise for a change in the rates of each, and only after a report upon the schedule by the tariff board competent to make such report. It is not likely that the board will be able to make a report during the present session of congress on any of the schedules, because a proper examination involves an enormous amount of detail and a great deal of care; but I hope to be able at the opening of the new congress, or at least during the session of that congress, to bring to its attention the facts in regard to those schedules in the present tariff that may prove to need amendment."

Our Island Possessions.

"During the last summer, at my request, the secretary of war visited the Philippine islands and has described his trip in the report. He found the islands in a state of tranquility and growing prosperity, due largely to the change in the tariff laws, which has opened the markets of America to the products of the Philippines, and has opened the Philippine markets to American manufactures."

"The year has been one of prosperity and progress in Porto Rico. Panama Canal."

"At the instance of Colonel Goethals, the army engineer officer in charge of the work on the Panama canal, I have just made a visit to the isthmus to inspect the work done and to consult with him on the ground as to certain problems which are likely to arise in the near future. The progress of the work is most satisfactory. If no unexpected obstacle presents itself, the canal will be completed well within the time fixed by Colonel Goethals, to wit, January 1, 1915, and within the estimate of cost, \$375,000,000."

"Among the questions arising for present solution is the decision whether the canal shall be fortified. I have already stated to the congress that I strongly favor fortification, and I now reiterate this opinion and ask your consideration of the subject in the light of the report already before you made by a competent board."

"Another question which arises for consideration and possible legislation is the question of tolls in the canal. This question is necessarily affected by the probable tonnage which will go through the canal."

"In determining what the tolls should be, we certainly ought not to insist that for a good many years to come they should amount to enough to pay the interest on the investment of \$400,000,000 which the United States has made in the construction of the canal. It would not to do this, first, because the benefits to be derived by the United States from this expenditure is not to be measured solely by a return upon the investment. If it were then the construction might well have been left to private enterprise."

"My own impression is that the tolls ought not to exceed \$1 per net ton, and I should recommend that within certain limits the president be authorized to fix the tolls of the canal and adjust them to what seems to be commercially necessary."

"I cannot close this reference to the canal without suggesting as a wise amendment to the Interstate Commerce law a provision prohibiting interstate commerce railroads from owning or controlling ships engaged in the trade through the Panama canal. I believe such a provision may be a wise move in the hands of the United States to prevent the competition in trade between the eastern and western seaboard, which this canal was constructed to secure."

Department of Justice.

Discussing the affairs of the department of justice, the president says:

"I invite special attention to the prosecutions under the federal law of the so-called 'bucket shops,' and of those schemes to defraud in which the use of the mail is an essential part of the fraudulent conspiracy, and to much misrepresentation. The act was adopted in pursuance of a declaration by the party which is responsible for it that customs bills should be a tariff for the protection of home industries, the measure of the protection to be the difference between the cost of producing the imported article abroad and the cost of producing it at home, together with such addition to that difference as might give a reasonable profit to the home producer. The basis for the criticism of this tariff is that in respect to a number of the schedules the declared measure was not followed, but a higher difference retained or inserted by way of undue discrimination in favor of certain industries and manufactures. Little, if any, of the criticism of the tariff has been directed against the protective principle above stated, but the main body of the criticism has been based on the attempt to conform to the measure of protection was not honestly and sincerely adhered to."

Postal Savings Banks.

"At its last session congress made provision for the establishment of savings banks by the postoffice department of this government by which under general control of trustees, consisting of the postmaster general, the secretary of the treasury and the attorney general, the system could be begun in a few cities and towns, and enlarged to cover within the operation many cities and towns and, as a large part of the country as seemed wise. The initiation and establishment of such a system has required a great deal of study on the part of the experts in the postoffice and treasury departments, but a system has now been devised which is believed to be more economical and simpler in its operation than any similar system abroad. Arrangements have been made so that savings banks will be opened in some cities and towns on the 1st of January, and there will be a gradual extension of the benefits of the plan to the rest of the country."

"It is gratifying," says the president, "that the reduction in the postal deficit has been accomplished without any curtailment of postal facilities. On the contrary, the service has been greatly extended during the year in all its branches."

Second-Class Mail.

"In my last annual message I invited the attention of congress to the inadequacy of the postal rate imposed upon second-class mail matter in so far as that includes magazines, and showed by figures prepared by experts of the postoffice department that the government was rendering a service to the magazines, costing many millions in excess of the compensation paid. An answer was attempted to this by the representatives of the magazines, and a reply was filed to their answer by the postoffice department. The latter, considered in the light of the reply of the postoffice department, I think must appeal to any fair-minded person. Whether the answer was all that could be said in behalf of the magazines is another question. I agree that the question is one of fact; but I insist that if the fact is as the experts of the postoffice department show, that we are furnishing to the owners of magazines a service worth millions more than they pay for it, then justice requires that the rate should be increased. The increase in the receipts of the department resulting from this change may be devoted to increasing the usefulness of the department in establishing a parcel post and in reducing the cost of first-class postage to one cent. It has been said by the postmaster general that a fair adjustment might be made under which the advertising part of the magazine should be charged for at a different and higher rate from that of the reading matter. This would relieve many useful magazines that are not circulated at a profit, and would not shut them out from the use of the mails by a prohibitory rate."

"With respect to the parcels post, I respectfully recommend its adoption on all-day delivery routes, and that 11 pounds—the international limit—be the limit of carriage in such post."

Abolish Navy Yards.

The president calls attention to certain reforms urged by the secretary of the navy which, he recommends for adoption, and continues:

"The estimates of the navy department are \$3,000,000 less than the appropriations for the same purpose last year, and I believe this is the building program of the navy, and that submitted for your consideration last year. It is merely carrying out the plan of building two battleships a year, with a few needed auxiliary vessels. I earnestly hope that this program will be adopted."

"The secretary of the navy has given personal examination to every navy yard, and has studied the uses of the navy yards with reference to the necessities of our fleet. With a fleet of considerably less than half the size of that of the British navy, we have shipyards more than double the number, and there are several of these shipyards expensively equipped with modern machinery, which, after investigation by the secretary of the navy, he has asked authority to abandon certain of them and to move their machinery to other places, where it can be made of use."

"The complete success of our country in Arctic exploration should not remain unnoticed. The unparalleled achievement of Peary in reaching the north pole, April 6, 1909, approved by critical examination of the most expert scientists, has added to the distinction of our navy, to which he belongs, and reflects credit upon his country. I recommend fitting recognition by congress of the great achievement of Robert Edwin Peary."

Conservation.

"The subject of the conservation of the public domain has commanded the attention of the people within the last two or three years."

"There is no need for radical reform in the methods of disposing of what are really agricultural lands. The present laws have worked well. The enlarged homestead law has encouraged the successful farming of lands in the semiarid regions."

"Nothing can be more important in the matter of conservation than the treatment of our forest lands. It was probably the ruthless destruction of forests in the older states that first called attention to the necessity for a halt in the waste of our resources."

"In the present forest reserves there are lands which are not properly forested, and which ought to be subjected to homestead entry. This has caused some local irritation. We are carefully eliminating such lands from forest reserves or where their elimination is not practical listing them for entry under the forest homestead act."

"Congress ought to trust the executive to use the power of reservation only with respect to land most valuable for forest purposes. During the present administration, 62,250,000 acres of land, largely non-timbered, have been excluded from forest reserves, and 3,500,000 acres of land principally valued for forest purposes have been included in forest reserves, making a reduction in forest reserves of non-timbered land amounting to 2,750,000 acres."

Coal Lands.

"The next subject, and one most important for your consideration, is the disposition of the coal lands in the

United States and Alaska. At the beginning of this administration there were withdrawn from entry for purposes of classification 17,887,000 acres. Since that time there have been withdrawn by my order for entry for classification 78,977,745 acres, making a total withdrawal of 96,864,745 acres. Meantime of the acres thus withdrawn 1,061,888 have been classified and found not to contain coal and have been restored to agricultural entry, and 4,728,091 acres have been classified as coal lands; while 1,993,239 acres remain withdrawn from entry as available classification. In addition 337,000 acres have been classified as lands without prior withdrawal, thus increasing the classified coal lands to 10,429,372 acres."

"Under the laws providing for the disposal of coal lands in the United States, the minimum price at which lands are permitted to be sold is \$10 an acre; but the secretary of the Interior has the power to fix a maximum price and to sell at that price."

"As one-third of all the coal supply is held by the government, it seems wise that it should retain such control over the mining and the sale as the relation of lessor to lessee, furnished by the present law, does not provide."

Water Power Sites.

"Prior to March 4, 1909, there had been on the recommendation of the reclamation service, withdrawn from agricultural entry, because they were regarded as useful for power sites, which ought not to be disposed of as agricultural lands, tracts amounting to about 4,000,000 acres. The withdrawals were hastily made and included a great deal of land that was not useful for power sites. They were intended to include the power sites on 29 rivers in 9 states. Since that time 3,475,442 acres have been restored for settlement of the original 4,000,000 because they do not contain power sites; and meantime, withdrawals have been made which, with other restorations based upon field examination, result in withdrawals at present effective of 1,218,356 acres on vacant public land and 202,197 acres on entered public land, or a total of 1,420,553 acres. These withdrawals made from time to time cover all the power sites included in the first withdrawals and many more, on lands now in agricultural entry. The position of these power sites involves one of the most difficult questions presented in carrying out practical conservation."

"The subject is one that calls for new legislation. It has been thought that there was danger of combination to obtain possession of all the power sites and to unite them under one control. Whatever the evidence of this, or lack of it, at present we have had enough experience to know that combination would be profitable, and the control of a great number of power sites at will within certain sections."

"However, this may be, it is the plain duty of the government to see to it that in the utilization and development of all this immense amount of water power, conditions shall be imposed that will prevent extortionate charges, which are the usual accompaniment of monopoly."

"The question of conservation is not a partisan one, and I sincerely hope that even in the short time of the present session consideration may be given to those questions, which have now been much discussed, and that action may be taken upon them."

Alaska.

"With reference to the government of Alaska, I have nothing to add to the recommendations I made in my last message on the subject. I am convinced that the migratory character of the population, its unequal distribution, and its smallness of number, which the new census shows to be about 50,000, in relation to the enormous expanse of the territory, make it altogether impracticable to make to those people who are in Alaska today and may not be there a year hence, the power to elect a legislature to govern an immense territory to which they have relation so little permanent."

Bureau of Corporations.

Referring to the report of the commissioner of corporations, the president says:

"The commissioner finds a condition in the ownership of the standing timber of the United States other than the government timber that calls for serious attention. The direct investigation made by the commissioner covered an area which contains 50 per cent of the privately-owned timber of the country."

"His report shows that one-half of the timber in this area is owned by 200 individuals and corporations; that 14 per cent is owned by these corporations, and that there is very extensive inter-ownership of stock, as well as other circumstances, all pointing to friendly relations among those who own a majority of this timber, a relationship which might lead to a combination for the maintenance of a price that would be very detrimental to the public interest, and would create the necessity of removing all tariff obstacles to the free importations of lumber from other countries."

Bureau of Labor.

"The commissioner of labor has been actively engaged in composing the differences between employers and employees engaged in interstate trans-

portation, under the Erdman act, jointly with the chairman of the interstate commerce commission. "I cannot speak in too high terms of the success of the two officers in conciliation and settlement of controversies which, but for their interposition, would have resulted disastrously to all interests."

Civil Service Commission.

"The civil service commission has continued its useful duties during the year. The necessity for the maintenance of the provisions of the civil service law was never greater than today. Officers responsible for the policy of the administration, and their immediate personal assistants on duty, should not be selected within the classified service, but in my judgment, public opinion has advanced to the point where it would support a bill providing a secure tenure during efficiency for all purely administrative officials. I entertain the profound conviction that it would greatly aid the cause of efficient and economical government and of better politics if congress could enact a bill providing that the executive shall have the power to include in the classified service all local offices under the treasury department, the department of justice, the postoffice department, the interior department and the department of commerce and labor, appointments to which now require the confirmation of the senate, and that upon such classification the advice and consent of the senate shall cease to be required for such appointments. By their certainty of tenure, dependent on good service, and by their freedom from the necessity for political activity, these local officers would be induced to become more efficient public servants."

Economy and Efficiency.

"The increase in the activities and in the annual expenditures of the federal government has been so rapid and so great that the time has come to check the expansion of government activities in new directions until we have tested the economy and efficiency with which the government of today is being carried on. The responsibility rests upon the head of the administration. He is held accountable by the public and properly so. Despite the unselfish and patriotic efforts of the heads of departments, and others charged with responsibility of government, there has grown up in this country a conviction that the expenses of government are too great. The fundamental reason for the existence undetected of waste, duplication, and bad management is the lack of prompt, accurate information."

"I have requested the head of each department to appoint committees on economy and efficiency in order to secure full co-operation in the movement by the employees of the government themselves."

"I urge the continuance of the appropriation of \$100,000 requested for the fiscal year 1912."

"My experience leads me to believe that while government methods are much criticized, the bad results if we do have bad results are not due to a lack of zeal or willingness on the part of the civil servants."

Interstate Commerce.

"There has not been time to test the benefit and utility of the amendments to the interstate commerce law contained in the act approved June 18, 1910. The law as enacted did not contain all the features which I recommended. It did not specifically denounce as unlawful the purchase by one of two parallel and competing roads of the stock of the other. Nor did it subject to the restraining influence of the Interstate Commerce commission the power of corporations engaged in operating interstate railroads to issue stock and bonds; nor did it authorize the making of temporary agreements between railroads limited to 30 days, fixing the rates for traffic between the same places."

"I do not press the consideration of any of these objects upon congress at this session."

"The interstate commerce commission has recommended appropriations for the purpose of enabling it to enter upon a valuation of all railroads. This has always been within the jurisdiction of the commission, but the requisite funds have been wanting. Statistics to the value of each railroad would be valuable for many purposes, especially if we ultimately enact any limitations upon the power of the interstate railroads to issue stocks and bonds, as I hope we may."

"For the protection of our own people and the preservation of our credit in foreign trade, I urge upon congress the immediate enactment of a law under which one who, in good faith, advances money or credit upon a bill of lading issued by a common carrier upon an interstate or foreign shipment can hold the carrier liable for the value of the goods described in the bill at the valuation specified in the bill, at least to the extent of the advances made in reliance upon it."

"I further recommend that a punishment of fine and imprisonment be imposed upon railroads, agents and shippers for fraud or misrepresentation in connection with the issue of bills of lading issued upon interstate and foreign shipments."

"Except as above, I do not recommend any amendment to the interstate commerce law as it stands. I do not now recommend any amendment to the anti-trust law. In other words, it seems to me that the existing legislation with reference to the regulation of corporations, and the restraint of their business, has reached a point where we can stop for a while and witness the effect of the vigorous execution of the laws of the statute books in restraining the abuses which certainly did exist and which roused the public to demand reform."

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"In the days of chivalry, men were tickled to death if they got a lady's glove, and now they are all broken up if she gives them the mitten."

Possibly.

"Gotham. They say that the

The COAST of CHANCE

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SYNOPSIS

At a private view of the Chautworth personal estate to be sold at auction, the crew of the ship mysteriously disappears. Harry Cressy, who was present, describes the disappearance of the ship, the exploits of an English thief, Farrell Wand, and the disappearance of the ship, the exploits of an English thief, Farrell Wand, and the disappearance of the ship, the exploits of an English thief, Farrell Wand.

CHAPTER XXII.—Continued.

"Good morning," she said, and, pushing up her little misty veil, sat down with her back to the deserted breakfast table, and waited meekly like one who has been summoned.

"I am very glad you've come," Flora said. Her wife were still all a-flutter with the appearance of that little hooded of gold. She came forward and stood in Harry's place. She was sweet to face with the person and the question but before the great import of it, and before the marble front of Clara's patience she felt helpless. There was silence in the room, perfect silence in the garden; but moving along the hedge, waiting all at once she saw the flutter of Mrs. Herrick's gown, and then in profile Kerr beside her. The sight of him gave her her proper inspiration. She turned upon Clara.

"What are you going to do with the picture of Farrell Wand?"

For the first time she saw Clara startled. Her lips parted, and the breath that came and went between them was audible. But she was herself again before she spoke. "Do with it? Why, I don't know," Flora fingered the table.

"Whatever you do," Harry began, "please, oh, please don't do anything immediately."

Clara's eyebrows rose like graceful swallows. "You seem to anticipate pretty clearly what I am going to do."

"I suppose you're going to do what any one would do—have a stew and could bring a person to justice," Flora candidly responded. "But if ever I have made anything easy for you, Clara, won't you this time make it easy for me? I'm not asking you to give up the picture, I'm only asking you to wait."

Clara nodded toward the window, through which Kerr could still be seen with Mrs. Herrick. "On account of him?"

"On account of him."

For the first time Clara smiled. It crept out upon her face, as it were involuntarily, but she sat there smiling in contemplation for quite ten seconds. At last, "You want me to suppose my information? My dear Flora, don't you think you want me to suppose my information?"

"Honest!" Flora cried. The words sounded tedious to her on Clara's tongue; and yet what right had she

she thought with shame, to judge of Clara's honesty when she herself was leagued with a thief? "Clara," she said humbly, before this upholder of the right, "I can't pretend I'm not suppressing things. I've only asked you to see me before you do anything more. Now, you've come. Will you tell me one thing—did you bring the picture with you?"

Clara weighed it. "Well, it did," This was the considering Clara, and Flora realized whatever she could expect from her—she couldn't expect mercy. It was another thing she must appeal to.

"Clara," she urged, "wait three days, and you shall have the whole of it. You have only the picture now. You shall have the jewel, too. Then you can get the reward and still be honest."

She let the word fall into the silence fearfully, as if she were afraid Clara might detect its sheer. But this time Clara neither smiled nor frowned.

"It isn't the reward I'm thinking about. That's really very little, considering."

"Twenty thousand dollars!"

"Would that be much to you?"

"No," Flora admitted, "at least I mean I could pay it."

"Well, then," Clara triumphed, "why the picture alone, if it's worth anything, is worth more than that. With a bird-like lifting of the head she gave a sidelong interrogative glance."

Flora, for a moment, steadily returned the look. It was coming over her what Clara meant; a meaning so simple it was absurd she had not thought of it before—so hateful that it was all she could do to face it. She felt a tightness in her throat that was not tears. Shame and anger contended in her. Oh, for the power to have refused that shameful bargain—to have scorned it! She turned away. She closed her eyes. In her mind she saw the figure of Kerr moving quietly about the winding walks with Mrs. Herrick. She faced sharply about.

"What is it worth to you?"

Clara put her out with the last sweet meekness of her cleverness. "Whatever it's worth to you—and him."

Flora was in command of herself now. "There are some things I can't not set a price on. It is this: what you have come down for—Clara's head—waiting for you to name it." She looked over Clara's head. She had stood abashed when Clara had put on the majesty of right, but now it was Clara herself who was abashed, not at the thing itself, but at the fact of having to utter it. She sat grasping one of her gloves in her doubled fist, and, leaning forward, with her eyes like jewels in her little pale face and the white aura of her veil, waited as if she thought that by some silent agency of understanding Flora would presently take up a pen and write the desired figure in her check-book.

But Clara stood inexorable, straight and black, crowned with her helmet of gleaming hair; and, with her hands holding her, looked over Clara's head through the window into the garden. She would not help Clara glow over this ugly fact.

A curious grimace distorted Clara's features, as if with an effort she gulped something bitter, and then into the silence her voice fell—a gasp, a breath—"Fifty thousand."

All sums had become the same to Flora, even her year's income. As if she were verily afraid Clara might take it back, she turned precipitately to a writing-table. But Clara had risen, and though still pale, in a measure she seemed to have recovered her self.

"Wait. I can't give it to you now. I'll meet you here in two hours and bring the picture. You can let me have it, then."

But Clara was firm. "No, I can't bring it sooner. It will make no difference to my affair." She was panting in her excitement. "In two hours you

shall have the picture here. I promise you."

Flora wondered. Depth below depth! She could never seem to get to the bottom of this business. There was only one thing she could count on, and that was Clara's impeccable honor in living up to a bargain. Flora sealed that bargain now. She held out her fluttering slip of paper, still wet with ink.

"Very well, in two hours—just take this now. I would rather you did."

Clara reached the tips of her fingers, touched the paper—and then it was no longer in Flora's hand; and Clara was walking from her across the room.

CHAPTER XXIII.

Touche.

Left alone, Flora glanced rapidly around her. Now for a sally, now for a dash straight for Kerr. The short way was what she wanted. Opening doors lately had led to too many surprises. She pushed aside the long curtains and stepped out through the French window upon the veranda. Far down between the gray, slim branches of willows at last she made out the flutter of a skirt. She sighed and began to hurry down the broad unshaded drive. Her steps sounded loud on the gravel, and presently to her excited ears they sounded double. Then she realized the truth. Some one else was walking behind her. She thought by not looking over her shoulder she could avoid stopping; but in a moment Harry's voice hailed her. It was still far enough behind for her to hope she could ignore it. She swept on as if she had not heard. Once around the turn of the drive, she would be in sight of success. She could trust to Mrs. Herrick to manage Harry. She made a little rush around the loop and looked down the long vista of the willows.

A hundred yards distant she saw the two standing. Kerr presented his back, and with his hand clutched forward seemed to listen absorbed in his companion. But that companion was a smaller figure than Mrs. Herrick's, and her veil made an aura of filmy white around her face. The sight of her was enough to stop Flora short, and in that instant Harry, making a cut across the flower-beds, caught up with her. He stopped as abruptly as she, and gazed with a dismay that surpassed her own. For an instant she thought he was about to make a dash down the walk for them. Then he caught Harry's hand and pulled her back. There was no help for it, she thought. Her other hand crept downward stealthily and gathered up her swinging pouch of gold. Trembling, she let him drag her back, but when they faced each other behind the plumes and awords of a great painted slump, she was shocked at the emotion in his face, and as if what he had just seen had given the last touch, his voice had risen a key, and between every half dozen words it broke for breath.

"Look here, Flora," he began, "I know you've been trying to give me the slip ever since night before last. I frightened you then. I didn't mean to, but you had no business to keep the ring after what I told you. No, I'm not going to touch you," as she shrank back against the pampas sword, "but I want you to give it to me, yourself, right here and now."

She looked up into his face, burning fiery in the sun beating down on his bare head. "No, no, Harry, I shan't give it to you. Last time I said I would give it to you for a good reason, but now I wouldn't give it to you for anything."

"You don't know what you're doing," he cried.

"I do! I know as well as you that this is a part of the crew. I've known it all along, and when the time comes I'm going to give it myself to Mr. Purdie, but not until that time."

Harry passed his hand over his face with an inarticulate sound, then, "You will ruin us!" he choked.

"I shall tell the truth, whatever comes," she exulted. "To tell the truth and keep on telling it—that, in the passion of relief at speaking out at last, was all she wanted! But Harry fell back. He changed countenance. He recovered himself.

"Look here, Flora! If you do I'm going to leave you. I'm going to leave you to what you've chosen."

She met it steadily. "I'm glad you say so. I've been thinking for days that it would be better so."

"Have you?" he said in a low voice, looking at her earnestly. "Of course, I know the reason of that. I meant it to be different, but now there's no help. I—"

With a motion too quick for her to escape he stooped and kissed her lightly. To that moment she had pitied him; but his touch she loathed. She thrust him away with both hands. He recovered himself. He walked away. She watched him with a desperate feeling of being abandoned, of losing something powerful and valuable. The faint, thin scream of a locomotive from a station far down the line made him pause, and turn, and gaze under his hand in the strong sun. So for a moment she saw him, a lowering, peering figure moving away from her over the lawn between broad flower-beds. Then he disappeared among the shrubbery.

This encounter, that had stopped her in full open field, had not been the fatal thing she had feared. It had been a peril met that proved her to a higher courage. Now she could walk gallantly to the most uncertain moment of her life. Between the glimmering willows down the long avenue she passed, her flowing draperies borne backward as by triumphant airs. The wind of her approach seemed to reach the two still far in front of her.

They turned and watched her drawing nearer, and before she had quite reached them Kerr stretched out his hand as if to help her over a last rough place, and drew her toward him and held her beside him with his fingers lightly clasped around her wrist.

She saw that he looked pale, worn, as he had not been last night, and, what struck her most strangely, angry. The hand that held hers shook with the violent pulse that was beating in it. He turned to Clara.

"Will you pardon us, Mrs. Britton?" Then after another patient moment, "Miss Gilsey has something to say to me." Still he made no motion to move away, and at last Clara seemed to understand what was expected of her. She flushed, and in the middle of that color her eyes flashed double steel. For the first time in Flora's memory she was at a loss. She passed them without a word.

Kerr looked after the little brilliant figure, moving daintily away through sun and shadow, with deep disgust in his face. But when he turned to Flora disgust lifted to high severity. "Why didn't you come, last night?"

"I couldn't. He was there, Harry, outside my door."

"Nothing. We did not speak—but I couldn't get past him!" The suspicion in his face was more than she could bear. "You must believe me, for, if you don't, we're both lost!"

He had her by both wrists, now, and gently made her face him. "I have believed in you to the extent of coming alone to a place I know nothing of, because you wanted me. Now that I am here, what is it you have to say to me?"

"Oh, nothing more than I have said before," she pleaded; "only, that, ten times more earnestly."

"You extraordinary child!" At first, he was pure amazement. "You've brought me so far, you've come so far yourself—you've got us both here in such danger; to tell me only this? How could you be so mad—so cruel?"

She had looked her hands in front of her until the nails showed white with the pressure. "It was more dangerous there than here. You don't know what has happened since I saw you. And I thought if you and I could be alone together, without the fear of them always between us, I could show you, you could persuade you—"

crashing in the shrubbery. Then, in sudden panic at finding herself alone, she fled back down the willow avenue, and burst out on the broad drive in full view of the house.

Kerr was not in sight, but there was a tremor of disturbance where all had been still. Clara's face appeared at one of the upper windows and looked down into the garden. Then Mrs. Herrick came down the stairs, and, showing an anxious profile as she passed the door, hurried away along the lower hall. There was a flutter in the servants' quarter, and from a side-door the coachman appeared hatless, in his shirt sleeves, and ran toward the stable. All the people of the house seemed to be running to and fro, but she didn't see Harry. This struck her with unreasonable terror. She fled up the drive, and Clara's small face at the window watched her.

As she came into the hall she heard Kerr's voice. He was at the telephone speaking names she had never heard in sentences whose meaning was too much for her stunned senses to take in; but none the less while she listened the feeling crept over her that there was some strange revolution taking place in it. It might be transformation; it might be only a swift increase of his original power. Whatever it was, he seemed to her superhuman. The house was full of him—full of his rapid movement, his ringing orders. If he knew that the sapphire was gone, what was the meaning of this bold command? Was he knowing all lost, plunging gallantly into the clutches of his enemies? Or was this only a blind, a splendid piece of bravery to cover his too long delayed retreat? She shut like a jointless thing on the faucet in the large hall, and all at once she saw him in front of her.

She looked at his hat, his overcoat, his slim, glittering stick—all symbols of departure.

"Wait here," he said, and turned away.

She watched his shadow, dance across the flagging, and as it slipped over the threshold she thought dully that now the sapphire was gone every one was going from her.

CHAPTER XXIV.

The Comic Mask.

She listened to the sound of wheels, rattling loud on the gravel, slowly growing fainter. Their retreating was with her again, and, in a moment she looked around and up, and had no start at seeing Clara's small face watching her over the gallery of the round. It seemed to her that appearance was natural to her existence now, like her shadow. She looked away. When she raised her eyes again Clara was coming down the stairs, and even at that distance Flora saw she carried something in her hand.

She covered her face with her hands.

"Come, come," his voice was urging her, now very gentle. "It's more for your sake than for the jewel now." And his arm around her shoulder was gently forcing her to walk beside him not toward the drive, but away into the tree-grown sheltered wing of the garden. By interlacing paths, under the tremulous gray willows under the somber, clashing eucalyptus spears, under dark wings of cypress they were moving. She was bracing in every nerve against the unnerving of his.

It had been always so. Even across the distance of a room the mere sight of him had had for her the power to summon those wild spirits of the soul and body that turn reason to a vapor. And now so close, with his arm around her, that same power she had felt when she saw him first, the power that had made her come out and be herself then, the power that had overwhipped her in the little restaurant, was leagued against her again to make her do this one more thing, which she wouldn't do. Never, never! Despairing, she wondered that such an evil motive could have such strength.

"Where have you got it now?" she heard him asking, and she pointed downward where the pouch at her knee was swinging to and fro. "Take it up, then," and like a bright creature she gathered it into her hand. But once she had it, she held it clenched against him.

"You're going to give it to me," he prompted, "aren't you? Aren't you?" and looking steadily in her face his hand shut softly on her wrist, and held out her clenched hand in front of her. And still they walked, slowly, like a pendulum the long gold chain swung from her clenched fingers. To the tree-top birds they seemed as quiet as two lovers speaking of their wedding-day. She felt her tension give way in this quiet—her hand relaxed.

"Dearest," The word brought up her eyes to his with a start of tenderness. "Open it," he said, and her hand, involuntarily, sprung the pouch wide. They stared together into it. The little hollow golden shell was empty.

"For a moment it held her incredulous. Then, faint and sick, all the foundations of her faith reeling, she slowly raised her eyes to him in question. She was not ready for the terrible sternness in his.

"Have you lied to me?" he asked in a low voice. "Have you given it to Cressy?"

"No, no, no," she cried in horror. "It was there! I put it there myself this morning!" They looked at each other now equally sincere and abashed.

"But you have seen him, you've been near him," he demanded.

"She gasped out the whole truth. "This morning! He left me. He kissed me."

"Then, my God, where is he?" He gave a yelp of grief around him. Then raising his voice, "Stay where you are! He has commanded me to begin to look after him, through the trees!" She stood with her hand to her breast, with the empty pouch spinning in front of her, hearing him



hand—something flat and small and wrapped in a filmy bit of paper.

Out of the chaos of her feeling rose the solitary thought—the picture which she had bought that morning, the picture of Farrell Wand. She watched it drawing near her with wonder. She sat up trembling. She had a great longing and a horror to tear away the filmy paper and see Kerr at last brutally revealed. She could not have told afterward whether Clara spoke to her. She was conscious of her pausing; conscious of the faint rustle of her skirt passing; conscious, finally, that the small swathed square was in her hand.

She tore the tissue paper through. She held a photograph, a mounted Kodak print. She made out the back ground to be sky and water and the rest of a ship with silhouettes of heads and shoulders, a jungle of black, and in the middle distance caught in full motion the single figure of a man, black turned and head in profile. He was moving from her out of the picture, and with the first look she knew it was not Kerr.

Her first thought was that there had been a trick played on her! But no—across the bottom of the picture, in Judge Buller's full round hand, was written, "Farrell Wand boarding the Loch Etive." She held it high to the light. Clara had been faithful to her bargain. It was the picture that had deceived her. She studied it with passionate earnestness. She did not know the bearded profile, but in the busy shoulders, in the set and swing of the body in motion, more than all in the lowering, peering aspect of the whole figure, she began to see a familiar something. She held it away from her by both thin edges, and that aspect swelled and swelled in her startled eyes, until suddenly the figure in the picture seemed to be moving from her, not up a gang-plank, but through a glare of sun over grass between broad beds of flowers.

She was faint. She was going to fall. She caught at the chair to save herself, and still she was dropping down, down into a gulf of spinning darkness. "Oh, Harry!" she whispered, and let her head roll back against the arm of the fauteuil.

With a dim sense of rising through immeasurable distances back to light she opened her eyes. She saw Mrs. Herrick's face, and as this was connected in her mind with protection she smiled.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



She Caught at the Chair to Save Herself.

Poor Little Gordon.

Gordon's parents have worked hard to teach him pure English, but he hears the hired girl's talk as much as his mother's. "The other day he declared, 'Mamma, I seen a dogfight today.' You saw a dogfight, did you?" his mother corrected him. "Never say 'I seen' again."

In the kitchen, a little later, Gordon said carefully to the girl, "I saw a dogfight today, Mary."

"Shame on you," cried Mary. "There you go again, saying 'I saw.' When your mother's been telling you how wrong it is—say 'I seen a dogfight, you naughty boy.'"

Ironical.

"Since I have lived in New York," said the Philadelphia woman, "I have done nothing but eat. In Philadelphia they don't seem to pay half as much attention to eating as they do in New York. They have but one restaurant where you can go and dine and sit about talking. Here in New York you seem to have such a restaurant, Italian table d'hotes, Greek restaurants,

French restaurants, Dutch restaurants, restaurants and cafes at every corner I never saw anything like it. You do nothing but eat in New York."

"Yes, we do one other thing," said the man who sat near her. "We drink a little," cried the woman who was with him.

New Indian Woman.

Glare-in-the-Sun, a member of the Spokane tribe, whose forebears hunted and fished and smoked, as they were inclined, while their faithful squaws did menial tasks without a word of complaint, created a sensation among old-timers in Spokane when she appeared in the river avenue carrying a package with an ease and indifference seemingly born of practice.

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"'Ain't buried a living soul today,'" Philadelphia Times.

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He took Paris green to commit suicide. Too big a dose to kill him. Eminent specialist happened to be called in, and started to fix him up. "No use," said Paris green performer. "I'll do it anyhow after you have done with me." Doctor got mad. "If that's the way you feel about it, you fool!" he said. "I'll not waste my time on you." Paris green performer much astonished and grieved. "Well," he said, "give me 24 hours to think it over." Doctor gave him 24 hours and went away. At the end of the time Paris green performer telephoned, "I've thought it over and want to go well, come and see me some more."

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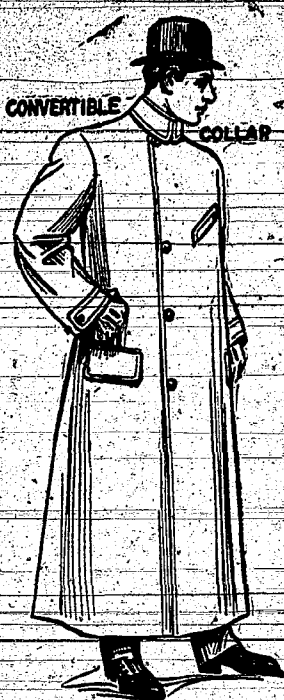
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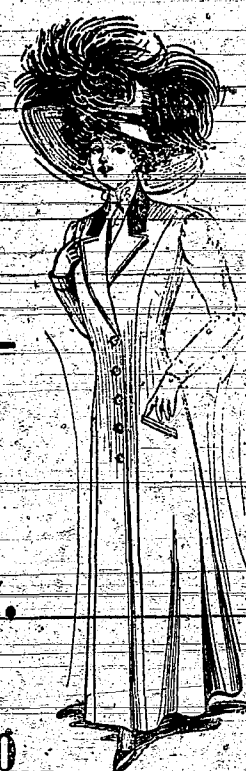


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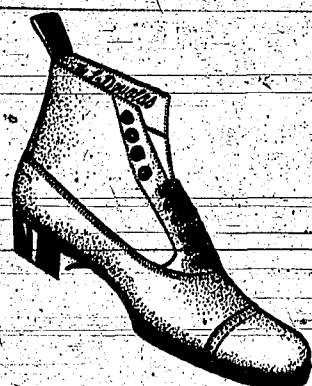
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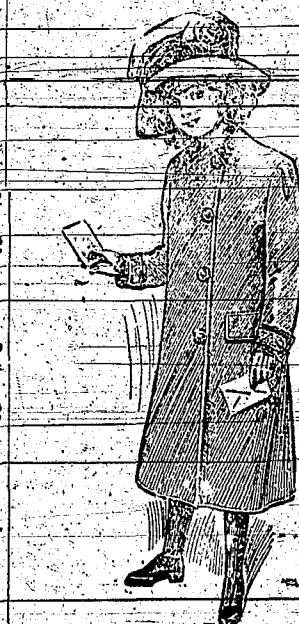
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You work hard for your money. Why not study carefully, sincerely and closely where you spend it?

We carry one of the most representative stocks in the country, at a saving of 10 to 25 per cent from catalogue prices. See the expenses we save below them. These expenses alone are ten times greater than our profits. One large house alone spent \$120,000 for catalogues, besides large city taxes and hundreds of employees, etc. Of course we sell you for less money, then discount the price again, during Lucky Day Sales.

We know you can select your own goods better than a clerk in a distant city. You don't need a guardian on buying. What you need is comparison. We save money for others, why not you? Lucky indeed are those who come to Grayling Mercantile Company. It pays well.

100 pair Men's Cotton Working Pants.

\$1.00 value, now 79c.

Best grade of Men's Working Pants for the money ever shown in this city. Lucky Day Sale price 79c.

200 pair Men's All Wool Working Pants.

\$2.00 and \$2.50 value, now \$1.69.

One of the greatest bargains of our Lucky Day Sale. \$1.69.

Ladies' Ready-To-Wear Hats AND DRESS HATS

All at Greatly Reduced Prices.

Take down your memorandum, make note of the dates of "Lucky Days Sales" commences Saturday Dec. 10, for One Week Only. The commencing of winter trade is our time. We believe in striking the iron while it is hot. Make your comparison. We have been and are convinced that we are

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